
Governance Committee

April 6, 2015

Chair: David Patton

Present: David Patton, Robert Rolfs, Lloyd Berentzen, Jennifer Brown, Bruce Costa, Gary Edwards, Jerry Edwards, Angela Cristaudo

Visitors: Cameron Mitchell, Kellie Baxter, Anne Burke, Kristina Russell, Wu Xu, Richard Oborn

Minutes

1. Approve minutes for March 16, 2015

Motion to approve: 1st: Gary Edwards, 2nd: Bruce Costa

Vote Yes: David Patton, Robert Rolfs, Lloyd Berentzen, Jennifer Brown, Bruce Costa, Gary Edwards

Comprehensive Asthma Control Through Evidence-Based Strategies and Public Health – Health Care Collaboration – Kellie Baxter

1. This grant is a continuation application (Year 2 of 5) with the CDC. The total funding amount for this application is \$550,000.
2. The plan is to continue working with the two Local Health Departments (Utah County and Salt Lake County) that were funded previously, which was determined through a competitive process in the first year. Currently contracted with University of Utah – Utah Pediatrics for \$77,000.
3. The purpose of this grant is to maximize the reach, impact, efficiency, and sustainability of comprehensive asthma control services to ensure that all individuals with asthma have access, resources, and knowledge to improve quality of life.
4. Developing a recess guidance for schools; policies for schools to look at the air quality levels prior to sending kids outside for recess.

Motion to approve the grant – 1st: Lloyd Berentzen, 2nd: Robert Rolfs

Vote Yes: David Patton, Robert Rolfs, Lloyd Berentzen, Jennifer Brown, Bruce Costa, Gary Edwards

Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative agreements) – Review

1. This grant was reviewed during the March 16, 2015 Governance meeting.

Motion to approve as expedited and come back with a budget – 1st: Gary Edwards, 2nd: Jennifer Brown

Vote Yes: David Patton, Robert Rolfs, Lloyd Berentzen, Jennifer Brown, Bruce Costa, Gary Edwards

Domestic Ebola Supplement to Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) – Kristina Russell – Previously approved as Expedited – Needs Financial

1. The main purpose of the ELC supplemental funding is to bolster health care infection control assessment and response, and laboratory biosafety capacity.
2. Both PHEP and ELC are awarding supplemental funding to support domestic Ebola preparedness efforts. Received a 100% of the funding that was applied for. All funding will be awarded as one lump sum and the project length may not exceed over three years.
3. In response to these funding opportunities, the Utah Department of Health and Utah healthcare facilities are developing a comprehensive and coordinated preparedness plan.
4. The main change from the previous Governance presentation is the removal of the Utah Hospital Association (UHA) liaison.
5. It is strongly encouraged that the Local Health Departments participate in on-site assessments, training, and other preparedness activities.

Motion to approve the grant – 1st: Jennifer Brown, 2nd: Gary Edwards

Vote Yes: David Patton, Robert Rolfs, Lloyd Berentzen, Jennifer Brown, Bruce Costa, Gary Edwards

Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) - Building and Strengthening Epidemiology, Laboratory and Health Information Systems Capacity in State and Local Health Departments Financed in part by 2015 Prevention and Public Health Funding – Kristina Russell

1. This grant is a continuation application (Year 2 of 5) with the CDC. The total funding amount for this application is \$1,865,000. The application is due May 19th.
2. The main purpose of the ELC Cooperative Agreement is to build epidemiology, laboratory, and health information systems capacity in public health departments.
3. New Activities include: Advanced Molecular Detection (\$216,360), Public Health Laboratory Sustainability (\$30,000), HAI Data Validation (\$107,890), Non-Influenza Respiratory Diseases – Surveillance and Diagnostic Testing (\$83,692), and Enhanced Prion Surveillance (\$42,887).
4. Expanded Activities include: Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance (\$119,359), and Mycotic Diseases (\$30,000).
5. Current Activities from the previous funding cycle will continue.

Motion to approve the grant – 1st: Robert Rolfs, 2nd: Gary Edwards

Vote Yes: David Patton, Robert Rolfs, Lloyd Berentzen, Jennifer Brown, Bruce Costa, Gary Edwards

National Syndromic Surveillance Program: Enhancing Syndromic Surveillance Capacity and Practice – Anne Burke

1. This grant is a competitive re-application with the CDC. The application amount is for \$248,355.
2. The purpose of this application is to implement syndromic surveillance to enhance situation awareness and support public health authorities in the meaningful use of syndromic surveillance data from electronic health records (EHR) in Utah.
3. Funding will be used to support syndromic surveillance efforts at both the state and four local health departments (Salt Lake, Davis, Southwest, and Central). At UDOH, the Communicable Disease Analysis & Reporting Program will use funding to support personnel to recruit additional data providers, coordinate

exchange of data, and conduct syndromic surveillance activities including ensuring data quality and analyses using the National Syndromic Surveillance Program application.

4. Activities that will be performed to meet the objective include (1) improving the representativeness of syndromic surveillance data by recruiting remaining hospitals or other sources of emergency department/urgent care or inpatient data that are representative of the jurisdiction's population; (2) improving the quality, timeliness, utility, and sharing of Utah data that is currently or will be submitted to BioSense; and (3) increasing collaboration among state and local jurisdictions within and outside of Utah through a National Syndromic Surveillance Community of Practice.

Motion to approve the grant – 1st: Lloyd Berentzen, **2nd:** Gary Edwards

Vote Yes: David Patton, Robert Rolfs, Lloyd Berentzen, Jennifer Brown, Bruce Costa, Gary Edwards

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant – Jennifer Brown Presenting

1. This grant is a competitive application due April 24th. The application amount is for \$1,469,336.
2. There are no anticipated changes from the prior year. The proposal maintains increased funding originally received in FFY14 and adds funding for the Office of Public Health Assessment. The funding for Obesity remains the same along with the funding for the Violence and Injury Prevention.

Motion to approve the grant – 1st: Lloyd Berentzen, **2nd:** Bruce Costa

Vote Yes: David Patton, Robert Rolfs, Lloyd Berentzen, Jennifer Brown, Bruce Costa, Gary Edwards

Other Items and Agenda 4/6/15

Coordination of Vital Records Funding Sustainability Wu Xu, Director, Center for Health Data & Informatics
Richard Oborn, Director, Office of Vital Records & Statistics

In November 2014, the Utah Legislature required all state agencies to identify areas where an agency could reduce budget by 2%. UDOH Center for Health Data and Informatics (CHDI) did not include any reduction on the Office of Vital Records and Statistics (OVRs).

OVRs needs an upgrade with no funding to do so. The ongoing system costs are approximately \$1.4 million annually. The OVRs needs additional funding above the \$1.4M current annual budget to fund the rewrite of the entire Vital Records Information Systems/Applications in the next five years. The estimated total cost is about \$1.9M or \$380,000 annually for 5 years.

Next Meeting – 4/20/15 – 11:30am – Room 401

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: Jennifer Brown

Vote Yes: David Patton, Robert Rolfs, Lloyd Berentzen, Jennifer Brown, Bruce Costa, Gary Edwards